

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Ferry Across Krishna River near Jambgi in Jamkhandi Taluk

349. SRI P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the ferry in Krishna River near Jambgi B.K. Village in Jamkhandi Taluk was maintained by the Ex-Princely State of Jamkhandi before merger in 1948, and afterwards by the Bombay State and then by the Government of Karnataka, till the end of the year 1974 and that the ferry was styled as “Dharma Nave” ;

(b) if so, whether ferry crossing was free for all passengers, animals and goods, till the end of the year 1974 ;

(c) whether Government intend to continue to do the ferry crossing free for all as per merger agreement, reached between the Government of India and the Ex-Ruler of Jamkhandi ;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the labourers of the village Jambgi B.K. have to come Jamkhandi for labour work and then return to their Village Jambgi B.K. in the evening every day and have to pay Re. one (NP 50+NP 50) every day as ferry charges ;

(e) whether Government intends to issue monthly passes to the labourers and other passengers at concessional rates ;

(f) whether it is not a fact that the management of the ferry crossing were taken over by the Department of Ports in the year 1975-76 and that all passengers are being charged fares for ferry crossing ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No such condition is stipulated in the merger agreement.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.